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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Mauer Oehling, Amstetten, St. Poelten and Klosterneuburg

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 May 1951, about 80 soldiers received infantry drill while about 20 soldiers practiced with two mortars in the yard of the former provincial insane asylum in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). Two 57-mm AT guns and 35 trucks were also seen in the billeting area. Trucks driven by 50X1-HUM soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, moved out of the installation. Truck was loaded with canned goods from a refrigerator car at the railroad station. A group of soldiers practiced stringing telephone lines in the wood 50X1-HUM near the installation. *
2. During a two-hour period, six medical officers, including a woman physician holding the rank of major, were observed at the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 26).
3. On 18 May, a platoon of unarmed soldiers was engaged in close-order drill in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Fourteen soldiers were seen working on five trucks in the yard of the Eugen Kaserne, in front of which truck whose driver wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank 50X1-HUM insignia, was parked. A total of 11 vehicles, including 3 trucks, 1 van-like truck, and 1 jeep, were observed at the garages between the Eugen Kaserne and the Rainer Kaserne.
4. Only a few soldiers were seen between the Franz Josef Kaserne and the Soviet komendatura in St. Poelten. Only one passenger car stood in the garage of the barracks installation.
5. Three majors and four captains, all of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, were seen entering Camp Spratzern. Enlisted personnel there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia. An 50X1-HUM armored vehicle, covered with tarpaulins, was seen in the camp. There were fresh imprints of caterpillar tracks. Trucks and van-like truck left the camp, driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black 50X1-HU... 50X1-HUM epaulets. **
6. On 15 May, the garages of the engineer equipment depot in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) were filled with armored vehicles and trucks. Van-like truck and trucks were parked in the yard of the billeting area. Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets like 11 other soldiers 50X1-HUM seen in the depot area. About 50 soldiers were engaged in combat practice at 50X1-HUM

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the drill field near the depot. These soldiers subsequently marched to the Pioneer Kaserno [redacted]

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7. The underground fuel containers of the naval garage in Klosterneuburg were refilled from tank trucks [redacted] Five other vehicles, including truck [redacted] were seen at the garage. *

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- * [redacted] Comment. The report indicates that the component of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Bauer Oehling and the component of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Klosterneuburg were still at their quarters by 16 May 1951.

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- ** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from St. Poelten had left the post for summer training. This information is apparently supported to some degree by the present report which indicates that at least some components of the division were no longer in St. Poelten by mid-May 1951.

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